Kerala regarding additional Central assistance for the National Slum Development Programme (NSDP);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the total amount allocated for Kerala, so far, under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In their representation, the State Government of Kerala had requested for converting National Slum Development Programme (NSDP) Scheme from Additional Central Assistance (ACA) to a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with 100% grant. The Planning Commission have intimated that it is not envisaged to convert the National Slum Development Programme into Centrally Sponsored Scheme with 100% grant scheme.

(c) So far, an amount of Rs. 66.38 crores have been allocated by Planning Commission to the State Government as Additional Central Assistance under NSDP.

Construction of drains in Rohini

2789. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether in Rohini DDA residential complex, rain/storm water drains have been constructed recently by MCD;

(b) if so, whether such drains have been constructed around Pockets C-11, 12 and 13, Sector-3 if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether authorities concerned in connivance with contractor have diverted the drain abruptly to favour the resident of house No. 1, Pocket C-13, Sector-3, which has choked the drain;

(d) whether complaints from residents have been received, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

World Bank Report on Urban Transport Sector

2790. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a recent report of the World Bank on, "India's Transport Sector; The Challenges Ahead", highlighting the need to establish more effective institutional financial and technical capabilities and functional coordination amongst various agencies operating in the urban transport sector; and

(b) if so, the details of major observations/recommendations contained in the report and the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) In its report entitled "India's Transport Sector: The Challenges Ahead", the World Bank made a number of recommendations including strengthening of the Institutional mechanism, financial and technical capabilities and functional coordination amongst various agencies operating in the Urban Transport Sector.

(b) The recommended actions for Urban Transport are as follows:—

SHORT TERM

* Refine and disseminate Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviations Policy recommendations through the publication of policy guidelines, workshops, financial support for pilot reform programmes etc;
* Develop a bus transport reform action plan;
* Develop a time bound action plan to reform urban transport institutions and financial mechanisms.
* Encourage use of alternative fuels;
* Set up traffic engineering and management units;